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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated September 17, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 8, without prejudice.

Please replace claim 1 with the following amended claim:

1. (Amended) A ventilation device for a fuel tank having an equalizing opening arrangeable in the fuel tank for equalizing a fuel tank pressure in the fuel tank with an ambient pressure surrounding the fuel tank, said ventilation device comprising an antisurge element arranged in front of said equalizing opening, said antisurge element comprising a fixed component having a plurality of individual channels, each of said plural individual channels